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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Executive Director **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Joint Application of Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, Docket No. 2021-23-C

Written notice pursuant to Commission Order No. 2021-48 that the Confidential Version of the Joint Application should no longer be protected.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As the Commission is aware, the Charter Entities filed a Confidential Version of the Joint Application for eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designation. The Confidential Version contained certain non-public, unredacted data and information at Exhibit H relating to Charter Communications, Inc.'s ("Charter") expected investment of private capital in South Carolina—in addition to its award of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") support funds—to buildout high-quality voice and broadband services to certain unserved locations throughout the state.

Wanting to advise the Commission of Charter's expected private investment, but at the same time, cautious of federal rules and regulations prohibiting public disclosure of certain communications by RDOF participants, and also wanting to protect from public disclosure competitively sensitive commercial and/or trade secret information, the Charter Entities filed the Confidential Version of the Joint Application pursuant to a Motion for Protective Order. The

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Charter Entities were most appreciative of the fact that the Commission promptly reviewed and granted the Charter Entities' Motion and proposed Protective Order attached thereto by Order No. 2021-48. This order effectively protected Exhibit H of the Joint Application from public disclosure thereby eliminating the risk to Charter of infringing upon those certain federal "prohibited communications" rules governing RDOF participants, while also protecting trade secret and competitively sensitive information from public disclosure.

The Protective Order granted by the Commission states that it shall remain in full force and effect unless or until, *inter alia*, the Charter Entities "provide written notice that the information protected by this order should no longer be protected." Charter reassessed the continuing need to protect from public disclosure the data and information contained in Exhibit H to the Joint Application and determined that such data and information no longer requires such protection.

Therefore, pursuant to Order No. 2021-48 in the above-captioned proceeding granting the Motion for Protective Order filed on behalf of Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC (collectively, the "Charter Entities"), this letter is the Charter Entities' written notice that the information protected by the aforesaid order is no longer required to be protected from public disclosure and that the Commission may now otherwise rescind the aforesaid order.

The Charter Entities greatly appreciate the Commission's prompt and effective action to protect the Confidential Version of the Joint Application at a critical time in the RDOF process. Without the Protective Order, Charter risked exposure to violating federal "prohibited communications" rules governing RDOF participants, the violation of which may have jeopardized the timely deployment of tens of millions of dollars in awarded federal funds to unserved census blocks in the State of South Carolina. This risk, and the risk of competitive harm to Charter by public disclosure, no longer exists. Accordingly, the Confidential Version of the Joint Application may now be made public.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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